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Wabash Area Community Theater plans first show of 2021

Auditions for "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 17 in the Charley Creek Inn's ballroom at 111 W. Market St. Vanderpool said they planned to hold a maximum of five rehearsals. The show itself will take place from Friday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 14, which is Valentine's Day weekend. The show will be featured as "Dinnertainment," performed in a dinner theater setting in the Big Four Ballroom located in Charley Creek Inn. Dinner theater tickets are \$30 per person with advance purchase required. Show dates will be Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13. Doors and cash bar open at 6 p.m. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 14, the doors, cash bar and meal open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, email director Brett Robinson at b.a.robinson@outlook.com.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution every other Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10

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70 and older receiving vaccines

Another day added at Wabash clinic due to additional doses

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Hoosiers 70 and older have begun receiving COVID-19 vaccinations this week.

On Thursday, before the Wabash vaccination clinic was set to open at the Wabash County Museum, Mayor Scott Long said they were given 100 doses per week, but that number had doubled to 200 before they even got started.

Long said the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) releases the dates on the calendar to schedule vaccinations a week at a time.

Long said when they first began, they initially had only those 80 and over sign up. Long said they had offered availability Thursday, Jan. 14; Saturday, Jan. 16; Thursday, Jan. 21; and Saturday, Jan. 23.

"They filled really quick. Almost immediately those appointments were filled," said Long.

Long said after they had been notified of the addi-

tional doses, they had added another date near the end of the month and began scheduling for Wednesday, Jan. 28; Thursday, Jan. 29; and Saturday, Jan. 30.

"They opened that calendar last night and they're already booked. It was that quick," said Long.

Long said they were still taking first-responders and school nurses that haven't been able to get vaccinated.

Long said for now they were not sending those interested in vaccinations who hadn't been able to get them yet to other counties.

"We don't want to take

away appointments from those people, so we're requesting people just be patient and as the appointments open go ahead and sign up," said Long.

Long said they had scheduled 72 people per day, two every 10 minutes at rate of 12 an hour for six hours "to keep our doses where they need to be."

Long said they would have 150 vaccines available per week, and 144 used, which meant six leftover doses. Long said they had developed a call list to use that up, and also to accommodate no-shows.

"We have a phone number and call and say, 'Hey come down and get your vaccine,'" said Long. "The goal is not to waste any doses. We're trying to think this through."

Long said once those who signed up get their vaccine, they'll go to a table to be observed for 15 minutes and to schedule their second dose, which must be taken four weeks after the first.

Long said the Moderna version, not Pfizer, was available because they didn't have either the super

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Wabash County GOP selects new District 3 council member



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Sam Hann addresses the Wabash County Republican Party after being selected to serve on the Wabash County Council.

Sam Hann picked after two rounds of voting Monday evening

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday evening in a conference room at Heartland REMC, members of Wabash County Republican Party met to vote on filling a Wabash County Council seat.

After hearing several speeches from the candidates vying for the post and their friends and family, Wabash County Council District 2 representative and Wabash County Republican Party chair Barbara Pearson passed out paper ballots.

These were then submitted anonymously into a box in the adjoining room.

After a few moments, Pearson said the first round of voting had been inconclusive.

"We don't have a majority," said Pearson.

Pearson said of the three candidates, Eric Schoening was the first to fall off. Of the two candidates left, Chris Lochner received three votes and Sam Hann also



The last time the Wabash County Republican Party held a caucus was in February 2020.

received three.

After a second vote was taken, Pearson said, "we have a winner." Lochner had received two votes and Hann had received four.

After a round of applause,

Hann took to the podium to address his new constituents.

"I do want to thank you for your votes," said Hann. "I will — sorry, I just can't believe it. I'm going to do the best I can for this community. I do not

take this lightly. I will fill the seat with conservative values and try and do the best for what you guys require of me. I'm sorry I'm very nervous.

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Walorski votes against impeachment

Other local Republican leaders react to Capitol attack

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable.

Indiana Second District Rep. Jackie Walorski was not among them.

"In the wake of a divisive election and last week's horrific attack on the U.S. Capitol, Congress should be entirely focused on uniting the American people and strengthening our country. Impeaching the president with less than a week left in his term will not advance either of these goals," said Walorski. "President Trump has pledged an orderly transition to President-elect Biden's administration, and I call on all Americans to support this effort by remaining peaceful and rejecting all violence. Anyone who commits violent or destructive acts will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law."

The Indiana Democratic Party, following a day of violence Wednesday, Jan. 6 at the U.S. Capitol, has called for the resignations of Indiana lawmakers who backed objections to Electoral College

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FBI arrests 'Proud Boy' leader, past HNHS student

Charges stem from Jan. 6 unlawful entry of U.S. Capitol Building

By **ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI**

Chronicle-Tribune Editor

A former student of Huntington North High School is facing charges related to the storming of the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6.

Nicholas R. Ochs was charged with unlawful entry into a restricted building or grounds, according to a

Department of Justice press release. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii says Ochs was arrested Thursday at the Daniel K. Inouye Airport — a day after rioters stormed the Capitol Building and interrupted Congress as it attempted to certify and count the Electoral College votes for the 2020 presidential election.

The government is seeking Ochs' removal to Washington D.C. to face the charges which were unsealed late last week.

Previous reports show that Ochs attended HNHS.

According to the criminal complaint obtained by ABC News, a special agent with the FBI used a picture posted to Ochs Twitter account, identified as @OchsForHawaii, showing him allegedly smoking inside the Capitol Building. The agent also referenced an interview Ochs did with CNN where he reportedly admitted to entering the capitol, saying "We didn't have to break in, I just walked in and filmed."

The criminal complaint also notes," (Ochs) is the leader and founder of a Hawaii chapter of the 'Proud Boys' organization," according to interviews he has reportedly given to the media.

Ochs received national attention after he posted a video to his Twitter page that shows he received the endorsement of Roger Stone, a longtime friend of President Donald Trump according to NBC.

The endorsement occurred while he was running as a Republican for public office

in Hawaii. He lost his bid in November to gain a seat in the Hawaii House of Representatives for District 22, according to Ballotpedia.

The Department of Justice says the charge is merely an allegation and that Ochs is "presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty."

This story will be updated as more information is released regarding the criminal case.

Andrew Maciejewski, Chronicle-Tribune editor, may be reached by email at amaciejewski@h-p online.com.

Grief and loss are such a part of life

By DAVE PHILLIPS

Two deaths impacted our lives last week. One was a fellow pastor who was killed in a tragic accident at work. Another was of a friend who had suffered pain for several years. Grief and loss are such a part of life. Grieving well is an art. Jesus can use it in our lives to shape us and bring us into great maturity and joy.

I have this crazy practice of writing responses to life with three words starting with the same letter. For example, a few years ago I was going through a stressful time and was praying and meditating on what I needed them. Three words popped up in my mind: comfort, clarity and courage. I still process these words.

In response to 2020, the challenges of 2021, and grief, three words are brewing in my soul: tenderized, trained and toughened. How do I respond to difficult times and situations? What happens when we grieve loss well and move forward in life? Give the three T's a try.

When we respond well, God gives us a tender heart. Tender-hearted. I love the sound of those words. Jesus was tender-hearted. In Matthew 9:36 we read, "when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

In John 11:35 "Jesus wept" when he saw the family of Lazarus weeping at his death. His heart was tender, and it was moved by the suffering

of those around him. He wept over the city of Jerusalem at its unbelief. When I find my heart starting to become hardened and indifferent, I look at the heart of Jesus. In Ezekiel 36:26 God makes this promise to those who turn from idols to trust in and follow Him. "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Turn your heart toward Jesus and open your heart to His. Turn your heart toward the hearts of others. Cry with them. Be present with one another.

When we respond well to difficult times, God trains us in holiness, wholeness, a strong character. Character has to do with integrity, honesty, inner strength that remains calm amid the storm. I Timothy 4:7 says "rather train yourself for godliness. Training in righteousness develops consistency, perseverance, determination, confidence, and clarity. Character is that inward ability to meet the demands of our present reality with grace and mercy. James puts it this way "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." This is developed daily by working out by looking at Jesus, his life and his teaching. It is following his way even when we do not feel like. "Con-

sider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. The deepest work in our character is accomplished in the most difficult of times.

When we allow God to shape his perspective in us, we become tough-minded. Author Elton Trueblood stated that followers of Christ need to be tender-hearted but tough-minded. We allow the Spirit of God to love with all or strength and mind, to renew our minds. Romans 12:2 says, "do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds." It is a battle. It faces the reality of everyday living. II Corinthians 10:5 states "we destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive to obey Christ." We love the Lord with all of our minds by reading and studying the Bible, by writing down our doubts and thoughts by journaling, by praying and meditating on the issues we face, and by good conversation and debate with others who are seeking the truth, and by developing relationships with even those who disagree with us. Wisdom is the art of living skillfully in the light of whatever reality you face.

Tender-hearted, trained in godliness, and tough-minded followers of Christ, may their number increase. May you be one of them. Take steps to grow in these traits today.

Dave Phillips is the pastor of Wabash Friends Church.

Trump to leave Washington on morning of Biden's inauguration

By JILL COLVIN AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will leave Washington next Wednesday morning, just before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, to begin his post-presidential life in Florida.

He will be sent off with a

departure ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, according to a person familiar with the planning who spoke on condition of anonymity because Trump's plans have not been formally announced. Officials are considering an elaborate event that would have the feel of a state visit, with a red carpet, color guard, military band and 21-gun salute all being

discussed.

Trump had already announced that he would not be attending Biden's inauguration — an historical break with tradition — after spending months making baseless allegations of voter fraud in an attempt to delegitimize Biden's presidency. Vice President Mike Pence will attend in his place.

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Today's sunset 5:45 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:01 a.m.

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of snow showers, high of 34°, humidity of 81%. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 35% chance of isolated snow, overnight low of 24°. West southwest wind 8 to 14 mph.

U.S. executes Virginia gang killer despite COVID-19 infection

By MICHAEL TARM and DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writers

TERRE HAUTE — The U.S. government executed a drug trafficker Thursday for slaying seven people in a burst of violence in Virginia's capital in 1992, with some witnesses in the death-chamber building applauding as the 52-year-old was pronounced dead.

Corey Johnson's execution went ahead after his lawyers scrambled to stop it on grounds that the lethal injection of pentobarbital would cause him excruciating pain due to lung damage from his coronavirus infection last month.

He was the 12th inmate

executed at the prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, since the Trump administration restarted federal executions following a 17-year hiatus. The last during the presidency of ardent death-penalty advocate Donald Trump was set for Friday.

Johnson, who his lawyers said was severely mentally disabled, was pronounced dead at 11:34 p.m.

When asked if he had any last words, Johnson appeared distracted, focusing on a room to his left designated for members of his family. Still glancing around, he responded, "No. I'm OK."

Seconds later, he said softly while gazing intently at same room, "Love you."

After the execution, his lawyers released Johnson's last statement. In it, he said the pizza and strawberry shake he ate and drank before the execution "were wonderful" but he didn't get the jelly-filled doughnuts he wanted. He added: "This should be fixed."

And he apologized.

"I want to say that I am sorry for my crimes," he said. "I wanted to say that to the families who were victimized by my actions." He also said he wanted his victims' names to be remembered.

Johnson was implicated with playing a role in one of the worst bursts of gang violence Richmond had ever seen, with 11 people killed in a 45-day period.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

It took two rounds of voting to select a winner.

COUNCIL

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This is a big deal. Thank you again."

After the meeting adjourned, Pearson said the reason for the vote that evening was because they "had a very unique situation."

Pearson said Matt Dillon had previously represented District 3 on the Council, with his term running through 2022. Dillon was moving out of his district. So, he ran for the at-large seat which had previously been held by Randy Curless, who had decided not to run.

So, when Dillon was sworn in just a few days before, the District 3 seat was then vacant.

"So we had to fill that seat by caucus," said Pearson.

Pearson said the last time they had a caucus was in February 2020. Pearson said they had to conduct two rounds of voting because there was no majority. Pearson said they

would have had seven people voting, but one of the precinct committeemen moved out of his precinct.

"It was after we had to send everything to the state, so he wasn't eligible to vote, so only six precincts were eligible to vote," said Pearson.

Hann said he had lived in Wabash County his entire life. He graduated from Northfield in 2010. I went to Ohio for ag-business school.

After graduation from ag-business school, Hann worked in agriculture throughout northern Indiana. Currently,

Hann currently works as a yield specialist for AgVenture McKillip Seeds.

Hann said he and his wife had been married for four years and had adopted a girl about a year ago.

"We live on the south side. We're getting acclimated to the city," said Hann.

Hann said he had "never thought about politics" until a few people reached out to him and asked him to


consider it.

"I was actually on vacation down in Florida, so I had time to think," said Hann. "Just everything that the county has done for me and made me the man I am. I feel like I need to give it back. So, the best way to do that is with my time and so I'm going to listen to the people of this county. I'm open. They can talk to me at any time. I'm just going to do the wise thing and make Wabash County a place where people want to come."

Hann said he didn't have any agenda or preconceived notions about what he wanted to accomplish as he began his new role.

"I'm going to go in with an open mind and make my judgments based on the will of the people. So, I'm not going to try to change or sway or do anything like that. I'm there to be a voice for the district," said Hann.

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Obituaries

Mary Ann Rohrer

Dec. 23, 1934 – Jan. 11, 2021

Mary Ann Rohrer, 86, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on January 11, 2021 at Timbercrest Health-care Center, North Manchester. An only child, Mary Ann was born on December 23, 1934 in Bippus, Indiana, to the late Ernest and Clara (Roberts) Gugle. At the age of nine, Mary Ann’s father died, and her mother later remarried Millard Dickey.

Shortly after graduating from Chester High School in 1952, Mary Ann married John David Rohrer on July 13, 1952. The two were wed for sixty-five years before John passed away on August 8, 2017. During their marriage, Mary Ann worked at Blue Flame Gas, North Manchester, Jack’s Wholesale Greenhouse (Messer Greenhouse), North Manchester, and the Liberty Mills Post Office, Liberty Mills, Indiana. Mary Ann’s greatest joy, however, was working as a homemaker. She loved to be with her three children and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who became accustomed to seeing their grandmother and going on golf cart rides. Mary Ann supported her family in whatever they wanted to do, and their happiness was paramount to her.

Mary Ann was not just generous to only her family; she also volunteered her time for those in need. She also found peace and perspective in her gardens. She had a deep fondness for tending to her flowers and was a gardener extraordinaire. Mary Ann also found happiness in watching the Purdue Boil-makers, especially their bas-



ketball team. Mary Ann attended church at The Chapel in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and during the winter months, John and Mary Ann lived in Bonita Springs, Florida.

The loving memory of Mary Ann Rohrer will be forever cherished by her son, David (Mara) Rohrer, Jeffersonville, Indiana; daughters, Vicki Korreckt, Huntington, Indiana, and Sue (Tom) Sinex, Fort Myers, Florida; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Clara Gugle; step-father, Millard Dickey; and husband, John David Rohrer.

There will be no services for Mary Ann Rohrer.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish to honor the memory of Mary Ann Rohrer, memorial contributions may be made to the Fellowship Food Pantry, 410 North Market Street, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

The family of Mary Ann Rohrer have entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com

Helen L. Heeter

Helen L. Heeter, 94, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on January 12, 2021 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

She is survived by sister, Janet Montecuoillo (Austin) who lives in St. Petersburg FL and may nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

A celebration to honor

Helen’s life in North Manchester, Indiana, will be held at a later date. Burial will be held at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery, Berryville, Bunch Springs Road, Berryville, Arkansas.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, Indiana and Nelson Funeral Service, Berryville, Arkansas.

Richard Lauderback

July 10, 1933 – Jan. 10, 2021

Richard Lauderback, 87, died January 10, 2021. Born on July 10, 1933, Richard was the son of Ralph and Silvia (Singleton) Louderback.

Richard Lauderback is survived by his daughters; Patty (Mark) Houghton, Robbie Lauderback, Nita (Scott) King, and Cindy (Todd) Carroll; sons, Richard “Rocky”

Smith, and Scott Smith; sister, Alberta Huff; thirteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Richard’s life will be held at a later date.

The family of Richard Lauderback has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

Wayne A. Denton, Sr.

Funeral services for Wayne A. Denton, Sr., 90, of Roann, Indiana, were held 2:00 p.m.

Friday, January 15, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, Roann.

Flint water charges escalate debate over officials’ failures

By **JOHN FLESHER and TAMMY WEBBER**
Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. — When a former Michigan public health director was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Flint water crisis, the man who previously held the job says a chilling thought crossed his mind: It could have been me.

“I spent 14 years in that chair,” said Jim Haveman, who served under two Republican governors — including Rick Snyder, another target of indictments released Thursday. “I dealt with anthrax outbreaks, measles, hepatitis, Legionella. ... The list is a mile long. We had to make tough decisions all the time.”

He contends Snyder, former health chief Nick Lyon and seven others charged with various counts in one of the worst human-made environmental disasters in U.S. history are victims of Monday-morning quarterback-

ing that makes criminals of government officials guilty of nothing worse than honest mistakes. Prosecutors, however, say this is no ordinary matter of well-meant decisions that backfired.

“Pure and simple, this case is about justice, truth, accountability, poisoned children, lost lives, shattered families that are still not whole, and simply giving a damn about all of humanity,” said Kym Worthy, a leader of the team that investigated a catastrophe that has been described as an example of environmental injustice and racism.

Few would dispute that a tangle of miscalculations, neglect and hubris led to pollution of the impoverished, majority-Black city’s drinking water with lead. Some experts believe it contributed to a fatal outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease. But the charges have escalated a debate over whether state and local officials crossed a line between incompetence and illegality.

Those who support prosecution say conviction and punishment of those most responsible are essential steps toward making the victims whole — even after a \$641 million civil settlement reached last year — and deterring similar misconduct.

To opponents, the charges are vengeful overreach that could do more harm than good, discouraging talented people from working in government and making those already there excessively cautious — just as the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the need for boldness and creativity.

Underscoring the high stakes is the precedent-setting nature of the case.

Snyder is the first governor in Michigan’s 184-year history charged with crimes involving job performance. Ron Sullivan, a Harvard Law School professor, said he knew of no such cases in other states.

Governors have been accused of taking bribes, vio-

lating campaign finance laws and personal misconduct. Sullivan helped prosecute a former Missouri governor on an invasion-of-privacy charge involving a sex scandal. But the Michigan matter, he said, is “odd” and he thinks the bar for a conviction will be high.

Snyder, who held office from 2011 through 2018, faces two counts of willful neglect of duty. The indictment says only that he failed to monitor the “performance, condition and administration” of his appointees and protect Flint’s nearly 100,000 residents despite knowing the threat.

The Rev. Ezra L. Tillman Jr., pastor at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, said it’s disappointing that Snyder was charged only with misdemeanors.

Yet even those charges will be hard to prove, Sullivan said. Prosecutors will have to show intentional wrongdoing, not just sloppy management.

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at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 and Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Grow Wabash County to postpone State of Our Communities event

Grow Wabash County has

announced they will postpone the State of Our Communities event, which was formerly slated for Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. The new date will be from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1 at the Eagles Theatre. Registration will open in the coming weeks and further information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities to follow.

Honeywell hosts the annual Clark Gallery 92 County Art Show

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery through Monday, Feb. 15. The exhibit

will be available for public viewing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and will be hosted virtually via HoneywellArts.org and the Honeywell Center’s Facebook and Instagram pages. For more information, visit <http://honeywellarts.org/exhibits>.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. ev-

ery Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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votes for President-elect Joe Biden.

Those included Senator Mike Braun and four members of Indiana’s delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, including Jim Banks, Walorski and Jim Baird, who voted against the Arizona and Pennsylvania electoral votes. Gregg Pence, a brother of Vice President Mike Pence, split his votes, supporting only the Pennsylvania results.

Braun had said earlier this month that he would vote along with about a dozen other GOP senators to reject electors from “disputed states,” and call for a commission to conduct a 10-day audit of election returns in those states, despite a lack of evidence of any widespread voter fraud having ever been

committed.

Later that day, pro-Trump rioters stormed the Capitol as Congress convened a joint session to certify the Electoral College votes.

The chaos, which followed a nearby rally led by Trump, shutdown Congress for hours after the House and Senate chambers were evacuated when the crowds breached the building.

After the violence that left at least five people dead and dozens arrested, Braun said he had a change of heart and would withdraw his objection “to get this ugly day behind us.”

Indiana’s other Republican senator, Todd Young, had announced before the joint session of Congress began that he wouldn’t support the objections to Biden’s electoral votes, saying he would “uphold my constitutional duty and certify the will of the states as presented.”

Republican Wabash City Council District 1 representative Mitch Figert recently announced his resignation after five years in that seat effective Thursday, Dec. 31. Figert said the attack on the Capitol showed “the need to focus on unity in our country.”

“We need to remember that it is healthy to disagree and debate in a democracy but there is a productive way to do that. I pray that the nation can heal and we can move forward to focus on fundamentally important issues like education and health-care,” said Figert.

Wabash County Council District 2 representative and Wabash County Republican Party chair Barbara Pearson appointed Wade Weaver to serve the remaining three years of Figert’s term.

Weaver said it was “very unfortunate that there was any violence.”

VACCINES

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cold storage or pharmacist on hand to reconstitute it.

The increased vaccinations in the state ramped up Wednesday as Gov. Eric Holcomb announced those age 70 and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents and first responders could sign up for the vaccine.

According to the ISDH, more than 250,000 Hoosiers ages 70 and older had scheduled appointments to receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine as of noon Thursday.

The total includes more than 125,000 individuals ages 70 to 79 who scheduled their vaccines Wednesday, the first day of their eligibility. It does not include Hoosiers who are being vaccinated in their long-term care facilities.

Individuals age 70 and older account for about 11 percent of the state’s population but represent 42 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations and 78 percent of

deaths in the state, according to the Indiana Department of Health.

Appointments can be scheduled by visiting <https://ourshot.in.gov>. Those needing assistance with registration can call 211 or one of Indiana’s Area Agencies on Aging. A caregiver or loved one also may make an appointment on behalf of an eligible senior.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, Jan. 13 with results as of Wednesday, Jan. 6. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

In Wabash County, only Bickford of Wabash reported no cases.

Otherwise, during the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported seven total resident positive cases,

fewer than five total resident deaths and 44 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 52 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 120 staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 28 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 22 staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 19 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 27 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 13 total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported seven new resident positive cases, 13 total resident positive

cases and 21 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases and 11 staff positive cases.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported 25 new local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total 2,844, with 12,655 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 7.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 22.7 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 19 new local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,863, with 12,719 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 8.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 24.6 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported 39 new local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,902, with 12,764 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 8 percent. The local seven-day positivity

rating for unique individuals was 23.6 percent.

Testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 4,744 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That

brings to 583,160 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 8,872 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 42 from the previous day. Another 374 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 2,806,743 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 2,792,291 on Thursday. A total of 6,328,023 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.
Ephesians 4:25

OUR TAKE

Let's push even harder

The politics surrounding COVID-19 have simmered down considerably, and a recent push by our family, friends and neighbors is showing some promise in our fight to keep Wabash County out of the red zone according to Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) metrics.

This will take continued vigilance to adhering to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Remain socially distanced at all times, mask up, avoid large gatherings (especially when indoors), stay home if you're feeling ill and wash your hands frequently.

It appears a recent return to these measures is showing positive results now that we are past the holidays, but we must not allow ourselves to get pandemic fatigue. It's easy to get worn out by this global health crisis, but we know what is at stake: lives.

Sacrifice is not easy. As social beings, humans naturally want and seek interaction, touch and face-to-face gathering. That's what makes this pandemic so hard.

Adhering to the guidelines is easier said than done, but we've seen these measures lower the curve in 2020.

To remain strong throughout this pandemic, we must also continue to focus on our mental health by taking care of ourselves and providing support to those around us.

While reaching out to family and friends via phone calls, video chats and messages is a good starting place, not everyone is lucky enough to have a strong support system. One thing we can all do to help ensure our community stays strong is to make a concerted effort to reach out to the people who live on our neighborhood blocks. It can be as simple as a wave and smile to a neighbor as you head to work. It can be as simple as leaving notes on your neighbors doorsteps telling them that they can reach out to you if they are feeling lonely.

Positivity often propagates like the ripples created when a stone hits the surface of water. One act of kindness can turn into dozens, hundreds and even thousands if we make the effort

to spread love during these trying times.

It's easy to feel helpless when faced with adversity such as a pandemic or economic turmoil, but these sentiments are not true. Our strength encourages others, and our actions make direct impacts on the world around us.

Another key to this pandemic is to have tough conversations with people who refuse to make changes to their daily lives for the health and wellbeing of others. It's important not to be combative, but this pandemic requires a community-wide effort to protect the most vulnerable.

When we look back on 2020 and 2021, let's hope we can say we did everything we could to make Wabash County persevere through this adversity. Let's shop local, volunteer and do our part to protect the place we call home.

We are seeing positive signs that our efforts are working. Now is not the time to get complacent. Now is the time to double down and push even harder.



Slimming Hoosier government

I apologize, but this is the time of year when I must do my annual beating-a-dead-horse ritual of imploring the Indiana General Assembly to go to every-other-year sessions.

The so-called "short" session was originally supposed to just involve a brief review of potential problems in the two-year budget. But it has become as active as the long session, so Hoosiers get twice the new government initiatives, which means twice the bureaucracy, twice the cost, twice the burden.

Unfortunately, this is the year for the budget-writing long session, which gives legislators 61 working days instead of 30 to create mischief. If 2021 is a typical long session, we can expect 1,500 to 1,800 new proposals. Honestly, does Indiana need that much fine-tuning?

The only saving grace this year is that the legislature will be so consumed by COVID-related crises that it might have little energy left over for creative mismanagement. Of course, many of the looming problems – for example, lower tax revenues from a collapsed economy and an education system in remote-learning shambles – were caused by the state itself, but let's not dwell on that.

If Indiana were to get serious about slimming government, it could do worse than follow the example of LaGrange County, which recently made national news by "finally welcoming hippies." What county officials actually did was repeal a 1971 law, apparently inspired by Woodstock, to regulate gatherings lasting more than 12 hours and involving more than 500 people.

It was typical snotty reporting – hick county in backward state finally enters the Age of Aquarius, har, har – that obscured a truly heroic three-year research effort by LaGrange County to identify and eliminate outmoded ordinances that had been on the books as long as 100 years.

If Indiana were to go that route, I could nominate many laws for the chopping block, including one that forbids catching fish "by hand only" and one that forbids the sale of cold soft drinks in liquor stores. We could also reconcile contradictory laws, including the ones that require seat belts but not motorcycle helmets even though the same arguments for and against apply in both cases.

The trend, however, seems to be going the other way, with the state emulating the federal government's habit of passing so much legislation that ordinary citizens don't even know what is legal or illegal on any given day.

If there was any doubt that Washington is completely beyond our control, the so-called "COVID relief bill" should have erased it. It has been called a \$900 billion measure, but in reality was wrapped up in a \$1.4 trillion omnibus bill including 12 appropriations bills, so we're talking nearly \$2.5 trillion in spending described in more than 5,000 pages introduced hours before the vote.

It is doubtful and a single legislator will ever know everything in the bill, and it is hoped that Americans who get a \$600 check as part of the deal won't care too much. Alas, that is probably true.

For now, the state seems not completely out of our control. For what it's worth, I'm including a 9-point checklist I have used for years to weigh the merits of new state proposals:

Is this really needed?
Is government the best way to handle it?
Is this level of government action the most appropriate?
How much will it cost?
Who will pay?
What are the opportunity costs?
What might be the unintended consequences?
Who will benefit?
Who will be hurt?

At least 90 percent of government proposals can be eliminated just by considering the first three questions. At this late date in our history, there just isn't that much more new that needs done. When there is, and it's a government responsibility, the lower level the better.

Using the other six criteria to dispassionately consider the costs and benefits, we can eliminate enough proposals to get us down to about a 1 percent pass rate. And to be honest, sometimes I think that's 1 percent too many.

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Political economy for the holidays

The holidays are an indulgent time, so I spoil myself here with a bit of political economy. By way of background, I think it is now obvious that significant changes to our economy have wreaked havoc with our political coalitions. While this itself isn't necessarily a bad development, it is something we will reckon with for years to come, so deserves some reflection. I'll focus primarily on the conservative coalition, because it experiences the most disruption.

To be a conservative in America means something different than it does anywhere else. The differences are so profound that what we call conservatism is referred to in Europe as classical-liberalism. The reason for this is simple. Those ideals American conservatives wish to preserve remain the most radical in history. Their essence lies in that one sentence George Orwell said could not be translated into newspeak. It begins, "We hold these truths to be self-evident ..."

Even today, it is radical to believe we must be equal before the law, free to think, worship and speak as we wish and that governments exist to protect individual rights that transcend human design. The American conservative movement has long held these ideas as central to their philosophy. I am unabashedly that kind of conservative.

There are other things we conservatives celebrate. We want to see family life nurtured, hard work rewarded, personal responsibility respected and strong communities flourish. Conservatives don't agree on all the policy particulars of these ideals, nor are we alone in celebrating these values. But respect for these philosophies are central to what we have claimed to be. To avoid the stain of hypocrisy, ideas must also guide our behavior.

Conservatives who love America cannot also hate our government. Service in that government is noble, but it is not enough to make a society or nation. American conservatives believe we need a strong private sector as well as institutions that are outside both commerce and government. Places of worship, and social institutions such as the Elks, YWCA, and Rotary, fill the gaps of commerce and government. These simple gatherings provide the mortar that holds fast the stones of our civilization.

Whatever else we American conservatives cherish, we must always return again to the documents of our founding. Unmoored from the Constitution, American conservatism easily erodes into something altogether different, strange and foreign. This can easily become a vulgar conservatism that looks backward, not forward. Conservatism that forgets the essence of our founding is not true American conservatism.

American conservatives also cannot fear argument, nor hate American progressives. The belief that each of us has a right to speak, think and worship also commands us to respect those with whom we disagree. Moreover, progressives have been right often enough – on slavery, civil rights, and myriad other matters, that conservatives must honestly welcome their contribution. When they are right, their ideas must become ours, and conserved with all our strength.

There is also much I've left out. American conservatives prefer less government and greater federalism – or more state and local control of matters. I've given short shrift to progressives as well, but their argument is not mine to make. As an American conservative, I respect them enough to leave them that task.

None of this is an argument for or against a political party. Even a casual student of history will understand that the progressive/conservative center of balance has swung several times in the past two centuries. I believe we are in the midst of such a shift. In that shift, many of my conservative friends, along with the deans of conservative thought have changed their political allegiance, finding a different party better aligned with their ideals.

Despite what appears as broad electoral success, American conservatism is in crisis. What we witness today is not merely a modest realignment of coalitions. Many American conservatives no longer recognize the arguments or actions of maybe half those whom we once thought were ideological allies. Some of these disagreements are tactical, such as recent indifference to the federal debt, which will vanish with Mr. Biden's inauguration. More fundamental issues may be unresolvable.

For example, the many recent efforts to undo the election clash with the most fundamental canons of American conservatism. Viewed by itself, the Texas electoral lawsuit to undo Article II of the Constitution violates a half dozen conservative tenets, yet two-thirds of GOP House members supported it. This continuing rejection of the electoral results is deeply un-American, infantilizes tens of millions of voters and risks radicalizing many to political violence. This American conservative finds it repugnant and cowardly.

Now, it may be true that many voters don't give a whit about conservative ideas. Perhaps the populist appeal to "own the libs" is a more lucrative path to electoral success. If so, this will diminish the future for many Americans. Turning away from traditional American conservatism will be especially bad for those citizens who live in deeply red states. More than anywhere else, Mississippi, Alabama, West Virginia, Indiana, Arkansas and Missouri need more state and local control, stronger social institutions, a more robust private sector and more effective government services, particularly in education. Mr. Trump's brand of populism will deliver none of this.

The turn away from American conservatism will surely make us less prosperous, but that is not my biggest worry. Rejecting elections, fueling political violence and weakening our Constitutional norms risks everything American patriots have struggled for these past two and one half centuries. It should come as no wonder that the conservative coalition is in crisis.

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LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Taming the chicory

Winter is chicory season. Chicories are the often-labeled bitter greens, which include radicchio, endive, puntarelle and escarole. Bunches and heads of chicory are prolific throughout the season, difficult to miss with their dramatic frilly, spiky and cone-headed leaves. And while their bitterness can be off-putting to some, at winter’s peak, chicories are crisp, juicy, nutty and mildly sweet – all qualities that pleasantly balance their natural bitterness.

And they are healthy to boot. Fiber-rich and loaded with vitamins C, B and K, and nutrients such as iron, zinc, copper and potassium, chicories are the cold season warriors that will fight to keep you healthy throughout the winter. The best way to approach these robust greens is to pair them with equally assertive yet balancing ingredients. A general rule to building good flavor is to strike a balance between bitter, sweet, sour and heat. So check those other flavor boxes when smoothing chicory’s bitterness, and be

confident that it can handle it. For instance, when eating fresh chicory leaves, mound them in salads with equally hefty greens and crucifers, such as kale, red cabbage and spinach. Garnish them with dried fruit, nuts and seeds, and finish with sweet and sharp dressings such as a rich balsamic-Dijon vinaigrette or a lemony-anchovy dressing. When cooking chicories, saute, roast or braise them to temper their bitterness. Cook and season them with flavorful stocks, vinegar or citrus, and a little sugar or honey for a rounded and flavorful effect. This is my favorite way to cook purple- and red-leafed radicchio. Radicchio’s sturdy head holds up well to braising (and grilling and sauteing; you get the picture). The balsamic vinegar is a great foil. It’s fruity, rich and sharp, and, when cooked, the vinegar reduces to a rich sweet-and-sour syrup that shellacs the wilted radicchio wedges. Choose deeply colored, firm heads that have a little weight to them, and try to purchase similarly sized heads for this recipe to ensure even cooking. *Note: The photo is a process photo. The finished radicchio will be wilted.*

Lynda Balslev

Balsamic Braised Radicchio

Active Time: 40 minutes
Total Time: 40 minutes
Yield: Serves 3 to 4 as a side dish

4 medium-large heads radicchio
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more as needed
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup chicken stock, mushroom stock or water
2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
3 to 4 thyme sprigs

Halve the radicchios top to stem. Using a paring knife, cut out the white stem at the bottom of each half. Then halve each half lengthwise so that you have 16 wedges. Heat the oil in a large skillet with a lid over medium heat. Arrange the wedges, cut sides down, snugly in the skillet. Cook until slightly colored, 2 to 3 minutes. Using tongs, turn the wedges so that the other cut side is down in the skillet. Season with the salt and black pepper and cook until slightly colored, about 2 minutes more. Pour the balsamic vinegar over the radicchio and then pour the chicken stock over it. The pan should be about 1/2-inch full of liquid. Top off with additional balsamic or stock if needed. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over the radicchio and then scatter the thyme sprigs in the skillet. Partially cover the skillet and simmer over medium-low heat until the radicchio is crisp-tender when pierced with a knife through the base, 12 to 15 minutes, carefully turning the wedges once or twice. Remove the cover and continue to simmer until the radicchio is soft, 5 to 7 minutes more, turning once or twice to evenly coat and cook. Using tongs, transfer the radicchio to a serving dish, gently squeezing any excess liquid back into the skillet. Continue to simmer the braising liquid until reduced to a syrupy consistency, 5 to 6 minutes. Discard the thyme sprigs and taste for seasoning. You may need to add a little more salt and black pepper. There should be a balance of sweet, salt, bitter and the kick of black pepper in the flavor. Drizzle the syrup over the radicchio and serve warm.

Stars return to inauguration, with J.Lo, Gaga set to perform

By JOCELYN NOVECK
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The A-list is back. How A-list? Try Lady Gaga and J. Lo. Inauguration officials announced on Thursday that the glittery duo would appear in person on Jan. 20, with Gaga singing the national anthem as Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are sworn in on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol, and Jennifer Lopez giving a musical performance. Foo Fighters, John Legend and Bruce Springsteen will offer remote performances, and Eva Longoria and and Kerry

Washington will introduce segments of the event. Later that day, Tom Hanks will host a 90-minute prime-time TV special celebrating Biden’s inauguration. Other performers include Justin Timberlake, Jon Bon Jovi, Demi Lovato and Ant Clemons. Despite a raging pandemic that is forcing most inaugural events online, it was a sign that Hollywood was back and eager to embrace the new president-elect four years after many big names stayed away from the inauguration of President Donald Trump, hugely unpopular in Hollywood. The question: How would

the star wattage play across the country as Biden seeks to unite a bruised nation? Eric Dezenhall, a Washington crisis management consultant and former Reagan administration official, predicted reaction would fall “along tribal lines.” “I think it all comes down to the reinforcement of pre-existing beliefs,” Dezenhall said. “If you’re a Biden supporter, it’s nice to see Lady Gaga perform.” But, he added, “what rallied Trump supporters was the notion of an uber-elite that had nothing to do at all with them and that they couldn’t relate to.”

Presidential historian Tevi Troy quipped that the starry Gaga-J. Lo lineup was not A-list, but D-list – “for Democratic.” “When Democrats win you get the more standard celebrities,” said Troy, author of “What Jefferson Read, Ike Watched and Obama Tweeted: 200 Years of Popular Culture in the White House.” “With Republicans you tend to get country music stars and race-car drivers.” Referring to Lady Gaga’s outspoken support for the Biden-Harris ticket, he said he was nostalgic for the days when celebrities were not so political.

You can use FSA and HSA funds to buy an eye mask, but not masks to protect against coronavirus

I’ve stashed masks everywhere to protect me from the spread of the coronavirus. I have masks in my purse and in the pockets of my coats – just in case I forget to replace the disposable ones in my

Michelle Singletary



handbag. I have some in my car. (I keep extras for my husband, who sometimes absent-mindedly leaves home without a mask when we make runs to the grocery store). Masks are the barrier that can help us from contracting a virus that has so far killed 379,000 people in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the use of masks – non-valved multi-layer cloth masks in particular – to limit the spread of the coronavirus, which it says is “transmitted predominantly by respiratory droplets generated when people cough, sneeze, sing, talk or breathe.” In 38 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, you need a mask to enter any store or business. Clearly, then, masks are a vital product during this historic global pandemic. Masks save lives.

Yet the rules for two key tax-advantaged programs to help people pay for health and medical expenses haven’t caught up with these dreadful times. You can use funds in your health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA) to buy anti-itch insect gel. But paper and cloth masks are not broadly accepted as eligible for purchase with FSA or HSA funds to protect against the coronavirus, which in one day killed 4,000 people last week. Hand sanitizer and surface cleaners used to prevent the spread of the virus are also ineligible. With an FSA and HSA, you can set aside money, pretax, to pay for certain qualified health expenses, including medical products such as a thermometer for yourself or dependents. The contribution limit for an employee who chooses to participate in an FSA is \$2,750 for 2021. Contributions are not subject to federal income tax, Social Security tax or Medicare tax. People decide how much they want to contribute. HSAs are linked to high-deductible health plans (HDHP) and, like FSAs, they can also be used for various out-of-pocket expenses. The maximum amount you’re allowed to contribute to an HSA for 2021 is \$3,600 as an individual or \$7,200 as a family. People 55 or older can contribute an extra \$1,000 annually to an HSA. “We think masks should be eligible,” said Rachel Rouleau, vice president of compliance for Health-E Commerce, the parent brand of FSAs-tore.com and HSAs-tore.com, online marketplaces where people can purchase eligible products from their health-care spending accounts. “The IRS gives the guidance based on the law. And the IRS has not come out and given any guidance on masks to date.” Rouleau said it’s possible some benefits administrators may approve the reimbursements for

In 38 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, you need a mask to enter any store or business. Clearly, then, masks are a vital product during this historic global pandemic. Masks save lives.

masks. “You could probably go to your doctor and get something called a letter of medical necessity, which would support maybe a potential medical condition that you have now, which would require that you have the mask,” Rouleau said. However, even with such a letter, the benefits administrator may deny your claim. Stephen Brooks from Rockville, Md., said he was denied reimbursement from his HSA to cover what he spent on masks. “The CDC is telling me I need to wear a mask to protect my health, but the IRS is saying I can’t use my HSA funds, even though the masks are for medical purposes,” Brooks said. “It’s ridiculous.” “Keep in mind that, even if it is permissible, a given FSA and HSA is not dutybound to cover every allowable expense,” said IRS spokesman Eric Smith, who said he couldn’t provide a specific answer to the mask issue.

Rouleau said the IRS could provide guidance that would allow people to use the funds in their FSA or HSA to purchase masks and other personal protective equipment, or Congress could enact legislation. Last year, a bill before Congress would have allowed people to use their HSAs or FSAs to purchase face masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant products to protect themselves against the coronavirus. But the bill did not pass. Health-E Commerce has created the Tax-Free Better campaign (taxfreebetter.com/take-action) to advocate for further expansion of expenses covered under FSAs and HSAs, including masks and PPE. People can sign a petition or contact their congressional representative. “We think that masks should qualify as certain prevention right now,” Rouleau said. “The CDC is obviously recommending them, people are expected to wear them, and it seems like it should really be a qualified medical expense. But without IRS guidance, we can’t sell them on our website and we can’t tell people that they’re broadly eligible.”

If there was ever a time to expand the rules, it should be now, to help people cover the costs of masks or cleaning supplies that we know can limit the spread of the coronavirus. *Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.*

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Robert "M" Ferguson, Jr., IAMC Clerk/Treasurer
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Indiana Department of Natural Resources
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will host virtual public meetings to discuss proposed treatments for gypsy moth infestations in Adams, Allen, Miami, Wabash and Wells counties. Meetings will occur on ZOOM.US on the following dates: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 12 PM and 6 PM (Eastern Standard Time) and Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 2 PM and 6 PM (Eastern Standard Time). All meetings will cover the same information so interested parties need attend only one. To join the virtual meeting on your computer, smartphone or other handheld device, go to ZOOM.US, click "JOIN A MEETING" at the top of the webpage. Meeting code: 996 6230 2438. Passcode 4444. If unable to join ZOOM, you can join by phone for the audio only portion of the meeting by dialing 312-626-9799 (Chicago) or 929-205-6099 (New York) at the above meeting times. Use the meeting code 4444 to connect to the meeting. Service provider fees may apply. Persons living within or near a proposed treatment site are invited to attend. The comment period on the proposed treatments ends March 1, 2021 at 4:30 PM (Eastern Standard Time). Comments may be submitted by email to DEPP@dnr.IN.gov, or mailed to Gypsy Moth 2021, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology, 402 West Washington Street, Room W290, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Comments must include the specific site name, name of commenter, mailing address, and personal contact information such as email, or telephone. All comments made at the meeting or received by March 1 will be addressed in the final environmental assessment. Information on the treatments may be viewed at www.gypsymoth.IN.gov or call toll free to 1 866 NO-EXOTIC (1-866-663-9684) for more information. If you need reasonable accommodations to attend one of these meetings, please direct your inquiries to DEPP@dnr.IN.gov or call 1-866-663-9684.
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Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of City of Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana that the proper legal officer at City Council at their regular meeting place at Wabash, at 6 o'clock P.M., on 8th day of February, 2021 Will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the DLGF Budget Order for the current year.

	Amount
Fund Name: Cumulative Capital Improvement	
Budget Classification – Cumulative Capital Improvement	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL for Cumulative Capital Improvement:	\$ 50,000.00
Fund Name: CEDIT	
Budget Classification – CEDIT	\$885,000.00
TOTAL for CEDIT	\$885,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. This is not a tax rated fund and will not increase the Tax Rate. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.
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Kosciusko County Surveyor's Office 1/14/2021
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The Kosciusko County Drainage Board will hold a public hearing to increase the annual maintenance on the following drains. Wabash County Drainage Board waived their rights to be represented on the board at the hearing. Leckrone Nelson:
The proposed rate is \$7.00 per acre and a \$50.00 minimum and a 4 year collection balance with a total annual collection of \$32,672.52.
The meeting will be held January 28, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. on the 3rd floor in the old courtroom of the courthouse at 100 W Center St., Warsaw, In. 46580. Not less than five days before the hearing, any owner of land named in the schedule of assessments may file with the Kosciusko County Drainage Board a written objection alleging that they are the owner of land assessed as benefited and the benefits assessed against his land are excessive. Each objector may file written evidence in support of his objection. The failure of an owner to file an objection constitutes a waiver of his right to subsequently object to any final action of the Board. The Kosciusko County Drainage Board address is 100 W. Center St., Courthouse Warsaw, In. 46580.
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Heading off the next pandemic

By **JIM ROBBINS**
Kaiser Health News (TNS)

As the COVID-19 pandemic heads for a showdown with vaccines it's expected to lose, many experts in the field of emerging infectious diseases are already focused on preventing the next one.

They fear another virus will leap from wildlife into humans, one that is far more lethal but spreads as easily as SARS-CoV-2, the strain of coronavirus that causes COVID-19. A virus like that could change the trajectory of life on the planet, experts say.

"What keeps me up at night is that another coronavirus like MERS, which has a much, much higher mortality rate, becomes as transmissible as COVID," said Christian Walzer, executive director of health at the Wildlife Conservation Society. "The logistics and the psychological trauma of that would be unbearable."

SARS-CoV-2 has an average mortality rate of less than 1 percent, while the mortality rate for Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS – which spread from camels into humans – is 35 percent. Other viruses that have leapt the species barrier to humans, such as bat-borne Nipah, have a mortality rate as high as 75 percent.

"There is a huge diversity of viruses in nature, and there is the possibility that one has the Goldilocks characteristics of pre-symptomatic transmission with a high fatality rate," said Raina Plowright, a virus researcher at the Bozeman Disease Ecology Lab in Montana. (Covid-19 is highly transmissible before the onset of symptoms but fortunately is far less lethal than several other known viruses.) "It would change civilization."

That's why in November the German Federal Foreign Office and the Wildlife Conservation Society held a virtual

conference called One Planet, One Health, One Future, aimed at heading off the next pandemic by helping world leaders understand that killer viruses like SARS-CoV-2 – and many other less deadly pathogens – are unleashed on the world by the destruction of nature.

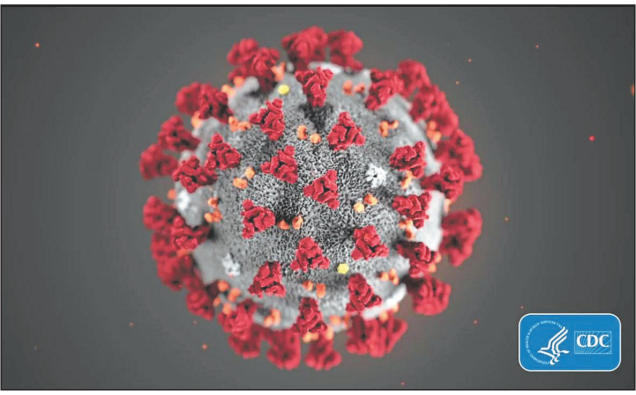
With the world's attention gripped by the spread of the coronavirus, infectious disease experts are redoubling their efforts to show the robust connection between the health of nature, wildlife and humans. It is a concept known as One Health.

While the idea is widely accepted by health officials, many governments have not factored it into policies. So the conference was timed to coincide with the meeting of the world's economic superpowers, the G20, to urge them to recognize the threat that wildlife-borne pandemics pose, not only to people but also to the global economy.

The Wildlife Conservation Society – America's oldest conservation organization, founded in 1895 – has joined with 20 other leading conservation groups to ask government leaders "to prioritize protection of highly intact forests and other ecosystems, and work in particular to end commercial wildlife trade and markets for human consumption as well as all illegal and unsustainable wildlife trade," they said in a recent press release.

Experts predict it would cost about \$700 billion to institute these and other measures, according to the Wildlife Conservation Society. On the other hand, it's estimated that COVID-19 has cost \$26 trillion in economic damage. Moreover, the solution offered by those campaigning for One Health goals would also mitigate the effects of climate change and the loss of biodiversity.

The growing invasion of



A COVID-19 particle is pictured in this image provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

natural environments as the global population soars makes another deadly pandemic a matter of when, not if, experts say – and it could be far worse than COVID. The spillover of animal, or zoonotic, viruses into humans causes some 75 percent of emerging infectious diseases.

But multitudes of unknown viruses, some possibly highly pathogenic, dwell in wildlife around the world. Infectious disease experts estimate there are 1.67 million viruses in nature; only about 4,000 have been identified.

SARS-CoV-2 likely originated in horseshoe bats in China and then passed to humans, perhaps through an intermediary host, such as the pangolin – a scaly animal that is widely hunted and eaten.

While the source of SARS-CoV-2 is uncertain, the animal-to-human pathway for other viral epidemics, including Ebola, Nipah and MERS, is known. Viruses that have been circulating among and mutating in wildlife, especially bats, which are numerous around the world and highly mobile, jump into humans, where they find a receptive immune system and spark a deadly infectious disease outbreak.

"We've penetrated deeper into eco-zones we've not occupied before," said Dennis Carroll, a veteran emerging

infectious disease expert with the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is setting up the Global Virome Project to catalog viruses in wildlife in order to predict which ones might ignite the next pandemic. "The poster child for that is the extractive industry – oil and gas and minerals, and the expansion of agriculture, especially cattle. That's the biggest predictor of where you'll see spillover."

When these things happened a century ago, he said, the person who contracted the disease likely died there. "Now an infected person can be on a plane to Paris or New York before they know they have it," he said.

Meat consumption is also growing, and that has meant either more domestic livestock raised in cleared forest or "bush meat" – wild animals. Both can lead to spillover. The AIDS virus, it's believed, came from wild chimpanzees in central Africa that were hunted for food.

One case study for how viruses emerge from nature to become an epidemic is the Nipah virus.

Nipah is named after the village in Malaysia where it was first identified in the late 1990s. The symptoms are brain swelling, headaches, a stiff neck, vomiting, dizziness and coma. It is extreme-

ly deadly, with as much as a 75 percent mortality rate in humans, compared with less than 1 percent for SARS-CoV-2. Because the virus never became highly transmissible among humans, it has killed just 300 people in some 60 outbreaks.

One critical characteristic kept Nipah from becoming widespread. "The viral load of Nipah, the amount of virus someone has in their body, increases over time" and is most infectious at the time of death, said the Bozeman lab's Plowright, who has studied Nipah and Hendra. (They are not coronaviruses, but henipaviruses.) "With SARS-CoV-2, your viral load peaks before you develop symptoms, so you are going to work and interacting with your family before you know you are sick."

If an unknown virus as deadly as Nipah but as transmissible as SARS-CoV-2 before an infection was known were to leap from an animal into humans, the results would be devastating.

Plowright has also studied the physiology and immunology of viruses in bats and the causes of spillover. "We see spillover events because of stresses placed on the bats from loss of habitat and climatic change," she said. "That's when they get drawn into human areas." In the case of Nipah, fruit bats drawn to orchards near pig farms passed the virus on to the pigs and then humans.

"It's associated with a lack of food," she said. "If bats were feeding in native forests and able to nomadically move across the landscape to source the foods they need, away from humans, we wouldn't see spillover."

A growing understanding of ecological changes as the source of many illnesses is behind the campaign to raise awareness of One Health.

One Health policies are ex-

panding in places where there are likely human pathogens in wildlife or domestic animals. Doctors, veterinarians, anthropologists, wildlife biologists and others are being trained and training others to provide sentinel capabilities to recognize these diseases if they emerge.

The scale of preventive efforts is far smaller than the threat posed by these pathogens, though, experts say. They need buy-in from governments to recognize the problem and to factor the cost of possible epidemics or pandemics into development.

"A road will facilitate a transport of goods and people and create economic incentive," said Walzer, of the Wildlife Conservation Society. "But it will also provide an interface where people interact and there's a higher chance of spillover. These kinds of costs have never been considered in the past. And that needs to change."

The One Health approach also advocates for the large-scale protection of nature in areas of high biodiversity where spillover is a risk.

Joshua Rosenthal, an expert in global health with the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health, said that while these ideas are conceptually sound, it is an extremely difficult task. "These things are all managed by different agencies and ministries in different countries with different interests, and getting them on the same page is challenging," he said.

Researchers say the clock is ticking. "We have high human population densities, high livestock densities, high rates of deforestation – and these things are bringing bats and people into closer contact," Plowright said. "We are rolling the dice faster and faster and more and more often. It's really quite simple."

Can bosses force unwilling employees to get vaccinated?

By **SAMANTHA MASUNAGA and DEBORAH NETBURN**
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Most of the faculty at a southern Minnesota high school can't wait to get the shots that will protect them against COVID-19. But an instructor who teaches business classes said he's not ready to take it, and he fears that his refusal to get vaccinated will prevent him from returning to his classroom.

"My kids are everything to me, my classroom is everything, but I'm not going to take the vaccine," said the teacher, who asked not to be identified by name because he didn't want to antagonize administrators at his school.

He's not an "anti-vaxxer." He's had all the usual childhood vaccinations, and he gets a flu shot each year. But the COVID-19 vaccines feel different to him. He worries they were rushed out too fast and might have long-term side effects that won't emerge for years.

"I'm not saying never, ever," he said. "But I am saying I don't feel like I'm informed enough to make a smart decision."

He's hardly alone. A recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 27 percent of Americans are "vaccine hesitant," saying they probably or definitely would not get a COVID-19 vaccine even if it were available for free and deemed safe by scientists. Among healthcare workers who are first in line to get vaccinated, that number is even higher: 29 percent.

Can they be fired if they refuse to get vaccinated? Should they lose their jobs if they won't do their part to achieve herd immunity?

Questions like these will be asked with increasing frequency as more doses of COVID-19 vaccine become available in the weeks and months to come. And there are no easy answers.

"It's not cut and dry," said Ubaka Ogbogu, professor of law and bioethics at the University of Alberta in Canada. "Not all vaccines are created equal and not all diseases are created equal. It's a very complex thing."



A health care worker receives the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at the United Memorial Medical Center on December 21, 2020, in Houston, Texas.

The legal issues alone are complicated. An employer can establish a mandatory vaccination policy if the need for it is job-related or if remaining unvaccinated would pose a direct threat to other employees, customers or themselves, according to guidance released last month by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

For instance, a dentist could make a case that an unvaccinated hygienist would be a danger to others, or a retailer could say a cashier is at risk because of daily exposure to customers.

But there are two main exceptions, said Michelle Strowhiro, employment law partner at McDermott Will & Emery. Employees can object to the vaccine if they think it will exacerbate an established disability or medical condition. They can also turn it down if it goes against their sincerely held religious belief.

In either case, the employer and employee work together to find a reasonable way to accommodate the worker, such as allowing them to work from home instead of going into an office, Strowhiro said. If they work on-site, they can

be moved to an area where they're less exposed to other employees.

If the exemption is based on a religious belief, an employer may deny a potential accommodation that would be more than a small cost or burden, Strowhiro said. For disability-related objections, the bar is higher.

Ultimately, though, employers have the final say on how far they're willing to go to accommodate an employee, she said. If they can't find a reasonable accommodation, an unvaccinated worker can be fired – though such drastic action could prompt a lawsuit, she said.

And though employers could require workers to take the COVID-19 vaccine, it's more likely they'll make it voluntary.

For starters, a vaccine mandate could invite a lawsuit, said Karla Grossenbacher, an attorney at Seyfarth Shaw who chairs the law firm's labor and employment practice in Washington, D.C.

Considering that a completely vaccinated workforce is a long shot even with a mandate, "at the end of the day, do you want to get hung

up in litigation over all this?" Grossenbacher said. "Probably not."

The fact that the Food and Drug Administration sanctioned the vaccines through an emergency use authorization procedure instead of its usual approval process may also make a mandate trickier.

Vaccines for diseases such as polio, measles and whooping cough have been around for decades, and their track records inspire confidence that they're safe and effective. The same can't be said of the COVID-19 vaccine – at least, not yet.

Fear is a powerful motivator, and the belief that the COVID-19 shots were developed too quickly and haven't been through enough safety testing "leads to people coming up with more inventive ways to legally challenge a requirement to get a vaccine," Grossenbacher said.

Even in cases in which a vaccine mandate can be legally enforced, there may be ethical reasons not to, said Ruth Faden, founder of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics.

For example, a long history of unequal care and outright

abuse from medical and public health professionals has given Black, brown and Native communities good reason to be suspicious of a vaccination campaign, Faden said. She calls it "justified distrust."

Indeed, a survey by the Public Policy Institute of California found that 69 percent of Black adults in the state would definitely or probably skip the vaccine, along with 43 percent of Latinos. (By contrast, 35 percent of white respondents and 30 percent of Asian Americans shared that view.)

At the same time, others may have social, cultural or political reasons for not wanting to get vaccinated. For example, the Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that across the country, 42 percent of Republicans are vaccine hesitant, compared with 12 percent of Democrats and 31 percent of people who described themselves as independents.

"Do we want to distinguish between people who we think have a good reason to not want to be vaccinated and those who don't?" Faden said. "That's an ethical conundrum and a political nightmare."

Another factor to consider

is that although the two vaccines authorized so far are at least 94 percent effective in reducing the risk of developing COVID-19, whether they also reduce the risk of transmitting the coronavirus to others has not yet been tested. In some scenarios, that lack of evidence may weaken the ethical imperative for requiring it.

After all, if a vaccinated teacher can still infect his students, and a vaccinated restaurant worker can spread the virus to her customers, does that diminish the rationale for requiring them to get the shot?

"You have to have a good reason to give people about why it is ethically right for them to subject themselves to a vaccine they don't want to get," Ogbogu said.

Data on how effective the vaccines are at stopping the spread of the virus should be coming in the next few months, Faden said. Until then, employers might encourage their workers to get vaccinated but stop short of requiring it, she said.

Ogbogu added that workers who have managed to avoid an infection so far – such as intensive care unit nurses who have been fastidious in using personal protective equipment and following other safety measures – may rightly feel they don't need a vaccine to keep themselves and others safe. In that case, he said, there is little ethical reason to mandate a vaccine they don't trust.

But a mandate might be in order if "you are able to show the vaccine is the only thing that would prevent them from transmitting the disease," he said.

He added that even after vaccines are widely available, employers will still be responsible for providing PPE and other safety equipment; they can't rely on the shots alone to keep their workforces safe.

Ogbogu said he would rather take his chances with a COVID-19 vaccine that hasn't killed anyone than with a virus responsible for more than 388,000 deaths in the U.S. alone.

"My reasoning is that getting the disease itself is worse than getting the vaccine," he said.

Communication with college friend is a one-way street

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine from college (I graduated four years ago) is incredibly kind but terrible at keeping in touch. She has never been good at responding to texts, but now that we no longer live in the same area, we don't communicate.

When she invited me to her wedding, I was surprised because when she got engaged, I reached out to congratulate her and asked for the story of the proposal, and she never responded. Her wedding reception was postponed because of COVID-19, but I watched the Zoom ceremony.

I knew it was hard on her, so I have reached out every month or so for the past four months to tell her I'm thinking of her, but she never replies. I mailed her a card for her wedding, which she also did not acknowledge. She sees my Instagram posts, and I'm connected with her sister and brother-in-law on social media, so I know no harm has come to her, and her cellphone is working.

I miss my friend, but I'm conflicted about whether I should RSVP "yes" to the postponed reception. Normally, I would assume silence means someone doesn't want to continue a friendship, but she invited me and a plus-one. Should I accept or reach out to a mutual friend to see what's going on? — Holding Onto Friendship

DEAR HOLDING: You stated that your friend has never been good at responding. The message she's sending through her extended silence is that you are no longer as important in her life as you were before. Your geographical separation may have something to do with it.

If you would like to attend her reception — when and if it is held — respond affirmatively to the invitation. However, if you do, do not expect to be acknowledged for your effort because those niceties are not in her make-up.

P.S. You can stop sending the "thinking of you" messages because they are not being appreciated in the manner you would like them to be.

DEAR ABBY: I have a child with autism. He's my world, and I love him deeply. Because he has special needs, I can't afford a babysitter, so my parents watch him all the time or I cancel whatever I need to do that day.

Because my parents are my only source of babysitting, they think they don't have to listen to me. If I tell them the time I give him his medication, so don't change it, they think he needs it earlier, and they know better than I do. I'm constantly second-guessed, and if they don't agree with my decisions, they go behind my back. If I buy my son a new toy and my dad doesn't like it, he screams at me and makes me feel 2 inches tall. He was an absent father, and my mother can't relinquish control of anything.

I'm at a loss on how to handle this because I know they want what's best for my child, but so do I. As his mother, shouldn't I be able to make that decision? — My Child In Illinois

DEAR MY CHILD: Yes, you should be able to make decisions regarding your son and expect that they will be respected. However, your parents have you over a barrel, and they know it. You do not have to tolerate it. I suggest you contact the Autism Society (autism-society.org). When you do, you will be connected with a local branch for guidance and options.

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13 Breezy greeting

14 Like a hermit

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39 Like jalapenos

40 Bath powder

42 Possessed

44 Dynamite inventor

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51 One way to pay

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53 Soft color

55 Pound sound

56 — Arnaz

57 Incinerate

58 Even so

59 Cathedral part

60 Flower product

61 Dirty place

DOWN

1 Mail for Plato

2 Gross out

3 Subway in Paris

4 When mammoths roamed (2 wds.)

5 Marmalade ingredient

6 Jay successor

7 Detergent

8 Smudges

9 Kojak snack

10 Cato's year

11 Get wind of

19 Result

21 Suitable

25 "Wool" on clay sheep

26 Stir up

27 Cast-of-thousands movie

29 Tribute in verse

30 Price add-on

31 Oom- — band

32 Conceit

33 Without mercy

35 Pago Pago nation

40 Gridiron stats

41 Let loose

43 Hawk's lair

45 Makes like a mule

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47 Portsider

48 Swit co-star

49 Horn sound

50 Indent keys

51 Make well

54 What, in Oaxaca

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
7	9	2	3	4	8	6	5	1
1	5	6	9	2	7	8	4	3
8	4	3	5	1	6	9	2	7
6	2	5	7	3	9	4	1	8
9	3	7	1	8	4	2	6	5
4	1	8	6	5	2	3	7	9
5	7	4	8	6	3	1	9	2
3	6	9	2	7	1	5	8	4
2	8	1	4	9	5	7	3	6

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DWRRAA

SMURT

CYONPA

WTRRIE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CIGAR FAITH WISELY OUTWIT
Answer: The new downtown cardiology center was built in — HEART OF THE CITY

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"You're not to dribble that indoors anymore!"

BEETLE BAILEY

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Something radical needs to happen

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The world seems to be imploding. How can this be when we have more psychiatrists, more self-help programs, more churches and inspirational speakers than ever before? — S.U.

A: While so much in our world seems to improve, man doesn't.

We can send a spaceship into orbit but we can't walk safely on the streets at night. The subtle sins of selfishness and indifference are everywhere. Seemingly upright men and women admit to desires of the grossest sort. And who is shocked anymore? Human viciousness breaks out as people steal, cheat, murder, and rape.

All of the committees, the resolutions, or the changes in governments don't change

society. If mankind is to be saved, something radical needs to happen. The forces building up in our world are so overwhelming that men and women everywhere are crying out in desperation.

Someone has said that all we have to do is contrast the titles of some of the old movie classics with current movie blockbusters to see the change in morality during the past several decades. Man has made many attempts to change himself. We have tried without success to achieve moral goals by improvement in our

environment and many are disillusioned with the results.

Ultimately, society is not going to be changed for the better with coercion and force because when it is changed that way, man usually loses his freedom. It can only be changed by a complete transformation of the human heart — from the inside out. God says to man, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26). This is the new birth and it is offered to everyone who will acknowledge their need for salvation.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"HKZS X'LM RXEJGLMAMR XE SKZS CD
VXRE HMAMI'S HZSJXKXIB SKM 'SGRZD'
EKGH ... SKMD HZSJXK 'BTCND' ZIR
'NTBE NTIID'!' — FZIM OZTYMD

Previous Solution: "Al Roker ... He's raised two daughters and a son. And I love him. ... He's a straight shooter." — Tamron Hall

TODAY'S CLUE: 7 sje9nbeA

HCAC announces preseason poll

Manchester picked to finish 10th

By DILLON BENDER

With the 2020-21 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) women's basketball season set to officially begin this weekend, the Transylvania University Pioneers have been selected to repeat as league-leaders this season, in a vote amongst league coaches announced on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The Pioneers picked up 80 points to claim the first-place slot. Not far behind, Franklin

College was picked to finish second with 70 points with Anderson University and Hanover College both receiving 57 points for third-place. Bluffton University rounded out the top five with 47 points.

Manchester was picked to finish 10th.

Junior forward Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, was named a "Player to Watch" by the league on Tuesday morning. Miller was an Honorable Mention All-HCAC performer a season ago after leading the Spartans in both scoring (10.4 ppg) and rebounding (5.8 rpg). So far this season,

Miller is averaging 10.3 ppg and 8.0 rpg.

Manchester University is among the nation's leaders in Division III women's basketball in games played with six. MU was able to play five contests during the fall semester, a road game at Adrian and four contests with HCAC-member Bluffton.

Most recently, Manchester hosted Hanover College on Saturday, Jan. 9. The Panthers edged the Spartans in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena by a final score of 69-65.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



Provided photo

Junior forward Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, was named a "Player to Watch" by the league on Tuesday morning.

SCOREBOARD

NFL	
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS	
Saturday, Jan. 16	
Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay, 4:35 p.m.	
Baltimore at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m.	
Sunday, Jan. 17	
Cleveland at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 6:40 p.m.	

NBA	
Saturday's Games	
Houston at San Antonio, 5 p.m.	
Orlando at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.	
Charlotte at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.	
Phila. at Memphis, 8 p.m.	
Indiana at Phoenix, ppd	
Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
New York at Boston, 1 p.m.	
Cleveland at Washington, 2 p.m.	
Chicago at Dallas, 3 p.m.	
Phila. at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.	
Utah at Denver, 8 p.m.	
New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.	
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.	
Monday's Games	
Orlando at New York, 12 p.m.	
Cleveland at Washington, 2 p.m.	
Minnesota at Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Miami, 3 p.m.	
San Antonio at Portland, 3 p.m.	
Phoenix at Memphis, 5 p.m.	
Dallas at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.	
Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE	
Conference	All Games
W L Pct	W L Pct
Louisville	4 0 1.000
Virginia	4 0 1.000
Virginia Tech	4 1 .800
Clemson	3 1 .750
Duke	3 1 .750
Florida St.	2 1 .667
Pittsburgh	2 1 .667
Georgia Tech	2 1 .667
North Carolina	3 2 .600
NC State	2 3 .400
Syracuse	1 2 .333
Miami	1 5 .167
Boston College	1 5 .167

BIG EAST CONFERENCE	
Conference	All Games
W L Pct	W L Pct
Villanova	3 0 1.000
Creighton	6 1 .857
UConn	4 1 .800
Seton Hall	6 2 .750
Xavier	3 2 .600
Marquette	3 4 .429
Providence	3 4 .429
St. John's	2 5 .286
Butler	2 5 .286
Georgetown	1 5 .167
DePaul	0 4 .000
Saturday's Games	
Marquette at St. John's, Noon	
Creighton at Butler, 2 p.m.	
Valparaiso at DePaul, 4 p.m.	
Georgetown at Providence, ppd.	
Xavier at Seton Hall, ppd.	

BIG TEN CONFERENCE	
Conference	All Games
W L Pct	W L Pct
Michigan	6 0 1.000
Iowa	5 1 .833
Illinois	5 2 .714
Wisconsin	4 2 .667
Ohio St.	4 3 .571
Purdue	4 3 .571
Minnesota	3 4 .429
Rutgers	3 4 .429
Indiana	3 4 .429
Northwestern	3 4 .429
Michigan St.	2 4 .333
Maryland	2 5 .286
Penn St.	0 3 .000
Nebraska	0 5 .000
Thursday's Games	
Purdue 81, Indiana 69	
Michigan St. at Iowa, ppd.	
Friday's Games	
Maryland 100, Wingate 58	
Wisconsin at Rutgers	
Saturday's Games	
Ohio St. at Illinois, Noon	
Michigan at Minnesota, 2 p.m.	

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE	
Conference	All Games
W L Pct	W L Pct
Toledo	6 0 1.000
Bowling Green	5 1 .833
Buffalo	3 1 .750
Ball St.	3 2 .600
Ohio	3 3 .500
Kent St.	2 2 .500
Akron	2 2 .500
Miami (Ohio)	1 2 .333
E. Michigan	1 3 .250
Cent. Michigan	1 4 .200
W. Michigan	1 4 .200
N. Illinois	1 5 .167
Thursday's Games	
E. Michigan 67, Calvin 56	
Saturday's Games	
Miami (Ohio) at W. Michigan, Noon	
N. Illinois at Ball St., 1 p.m.	
Toledo at Akron, 2 p.m.	
Kent St. at Ohio, 2 p.m.	
E. Michigan at Cent. Michigan, 4:30 p.m.	

NHL	
Saturday's Games	
Boston at New Jersey, 1 p.m.	
San Jose at Arizona, 4 p.m.	
Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m.	
Montreal at Edmonton, 7 p.m.	
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.	
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.	
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.	
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.	
Anaheim at Vegas, 10 p.m.	
Vancouver at Calgary, 10 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
Washington at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.	
Chicago at Florida, 7 p.m.	
Dallas at Tampa Bay, ppd	
Monday's Games	
Columbus at Detroit, 12 p.m.	
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 5 p.m.	
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.	
Carolina at Nashville, 8 p.m.	
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.	
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.	
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.	
Arizona at Vegas, 10 p.m.	



Photos by Bridget Nash / Plain Dealer

Senior Morgan Parrett drives past North Miami defender in their fourth conference game of the season.

Lady Squires earn big win against North Miami

Manchester is set to take the court again Saturday, Jan. 16 against Wabash

By BRIDGET NASH

Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

The Manchester Lady Squires took in the North Miami Warriors in a Three Rivers conference match-up on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 9.

The Warriors entered the game with a 1-1 conference record, and the Squires entered the game with a 2-1 conference record.

The game started with the Squires winning the tip and junior Keilan Creager finishing the first possession with a layup. The Squires took a five-point lead with Miami still scoreless until the Warriors scored a three-pointer midway through the first quarter. The quarter remained low scoring, with the Squires leading 10-5 going into the second quarter.

The second quarter started with a drive and a foul by Miami's 32, giving them the first two points of the second quarter from free throws. After a couple of back-and-forth possessions, the Warriors found themselves down by one midway through the second quarter. The Squires continued to pull away in this low scoring half, pushing the score to 15-11 with a three-pointer by senior Emma Garriott. The Squires led 24-13 at halftime.

North Miami opened the



The Lady Squires celebrate an and-1 layup from junior Keilan Creager in the fourth quarter.

second half going on a 4-0 run, only to be stopped by a layup from Manchester senior Eva Bazzoni. The quarter was full of plays and scoring from both teams, and the third quarter ended with the Squires still up by 11 with a score of 35-24.

Bazzoni opened up the fourth quarter with a coast-to-coast drive straight through the Warrior defense. Junior Mackenzy Meyer finished a three-point-play in the middle of the fourth quarter, pushing the Squire lead to 16. On the next possession, Meyer marched right back to the basket and finished another layup. Meyer ended the game with thirteen total rebounds, and the Squires won the game 51-35.

Bazzoni and Garriott both had impressive performanc-

es for the Squires, leading the team to their third TRC win of the season.

"Our game plan was to be aggressive on defense. We had to get out on them strong and a lot of our steals led to our lead," said Bazzoni.

"This win ended our losing streak, so it was a huge morale booster for our team," said Garriott. "We made a statement for the conference," said Bazzoni.

Bazzoni ended the game with 20 points and Garriott ended with 17 points.

The Lady Squires were back in action against Peru on Wednesday, Jan. 13, and are set to take the court again at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 against Wabash.

Bridget Nash, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplainealer.com.

Battle between Manchester and Hanover comes down to the wire

These two teams will play again on Saturday, Jan. 16

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University and Hanover College battled one another in a highly competitive, back-and-forth affair inside Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Thursday, Jan. 14. Neither side led by more than eight points in Thursday's women's basketball contest. Each time one team made a run, the other answered right back.

Thursday's back-and-forth game saw Hanover College edge the Black and Gold by a final score of 68-64.

Manchester University and Hanover College traded baskets during the game's opening minutes. Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, scored the first four points for the Black and Gold. Back-to-back layups by freshman Bailey Keim, from Denver, Indiana, and North Miami High School, gave the Spartans an early 8-2 advantage.

Mid-way through the opening period, a layup by junior Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, gave the Spartans



Provided photo

Midway through the opening period, a layup by junior Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, gave the Spartans their largest lead of the evening of five points, 12-7.

their largest lead of the evening of five points, 12-7. Manchester shot 8-15 from the field in the opening 10 minutes.

By the end of first quarter, Hanover managed to convert several possessions on offense and went a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line to hold a one-point lead, 17-16.

Manchester hung right with Hanover in the second quarter. A three-pointer at the 6:56 mark of the period by Hannah Lindsey, from Speedway, put MU ahead 20-17. The Black and Gold defense held the

Panthers scoreless for the first 4:23 of the second quarter.

Hanover regained the lead in Thursday's contest later in the second quarter following an 8-0 run. Savannah Courtney spearheaded the run for HC, scoring six the Panthers' eight points during the burst.

Hanover led 35-29 at the half.

The momentum continued to swing in favor of the visiting Panthers to start the third quarter. A Savannah Courtney pushed Hanover's lead back up to eight, 37-29, with a layup on the team's first pos-

session.

The Black and Gold would not back down, however. The Spartans used a 9-0 run over 3:10 of the game clock to retake the lead. Bridget Nash accounted for seven points during the run.

Both teams then continued to trade baskets over the remainder of the period. The visiting Panthers strung together enough stops and scores at the end of the third frame to lead 55-49 heading into the final 10 minutes.

Trailing by just two with under six minutes remaining, ju-

nior Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, came up with a steal and found Bailey Keim in transition for a go-ahead three-pointer.

Manchester was able to get stops on its next two possessions but was unable to stretch its lead.

The Panthers went back in front following back-to-back baskets from Savannah Courtney. While the Spartans remained within two possessions throughout the remainder of the contest, MU would not regain the lead.

Bridget Nash led the Black and Gold with 20 points on Thursday night. Nash finished 8-12 from the floor and 2-5 from beyond the three-point arc. Bailey Keim filled the stat sheet with 14 points, seven steals, five rebounds, and three assists. Miranda Bieghler added a career-best nine assists and six boards. Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, grabbed 13 rebounds.

Manchester out-rebounded Hanover 44-37 on Thursday night.

The Panthers were led by Savannah Courtney's 21 points and eight rebounds. Liz Tynan scored 12 points. Addie Gardner scored 10 points.

The Panthers finished Thursday's game 25-60 (42.6 percent) from the floor. MU shot 27-64 (42.2 percent) from the floor.

Hanover forced the Spartans into 27 turnovers. The Panthers scored 26 points off of those turnovers. The Black and Gold scored 21 points off of Hanover's 20 turnovers.

These two teams will play again on Saturday, Jan. 16. Tip-off from Collier Arena on the campus of Hanover is scheduled for 2 p.m.


Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD


Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.


DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for Church at Home, our live-streamed service, on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:45AM. In person services are temporarily suspended.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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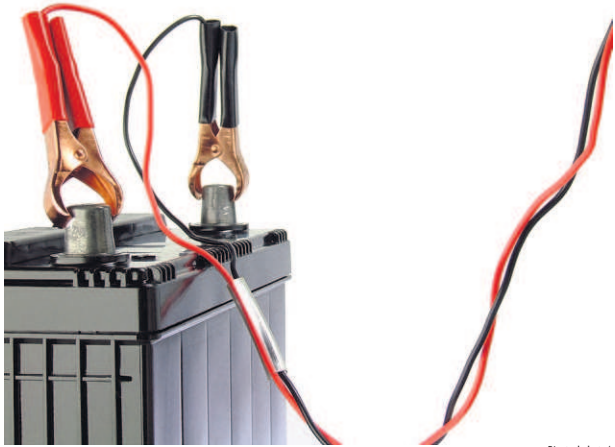
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Daily Scripture Readings

John 6:60-71	Luke 7:1-17	Luke 7:18-35	Luke 7:36-50	Luke 8:1-21	Luke 8:22-39	Luke 8:40-56
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